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One Hundred Sixth  
Whittier College Commencement

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**MAY 22, 2009**



# **THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH WHITTIER COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT**

*Newman Stadium • Friday, May 22, 2009 • 9:00 a.m.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Three Dances – Tylman Susato*

*Ronde-Saltarel-Pavan*

*Magnificat Frimi Toni – Johann Pachelbel*

*Music for Queen Mary II – Henry Purcell*

*March-Anthem-Canzona*

*Canzona per Sonare No. 1 – La Spritata – Giovanni Gabrieli*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

*Pomp and Circumstance – Sir Edward Elgar*

Arranged by Mark Garrabrant

## **INVOCATION**

Christopher Peak

Whittier College Interfaith Coordinator

## **WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE**

Sharon D. Herzberger, Ph.D.

## **WELCOME FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

## **RECOGNITION OF THE FACULTY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2008 NERHOOD TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER**

President Herzberger

## **STUDENT SPEAKER**

Martina Miles '09

## **THE CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE**

President Herzberger

### *Presentation of Al Young*

Tony D. Barnstone, Professor of English Language and Literature

*"Notes on the Future of Love," by Al Young*

### *Presentation of Marion Wright Edelman*

Judith T. Wagner, Professor of Education and Child Development  
and Director of the Broadoaks School

## **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Mrs. Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund

## **THE CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

*Presentation of Master of Arts Candidates*

*Presentation of Bachelor of Arts Candidates*

Susan D. Gotsch, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs  
and Dean of Faculty

## **CHARGE TO THE CLASS OF 2009**

President Herzberger

## **SCHOOL SONG - "FRIENDS FOREVER"**

Whittier College Vocal Ensemble led by Joseph L. Price, Chair of the faculty and  
the Genevieve S. Connick Professor of Religious Studies Chair

## **RECESSIONAL**

*Trumpet Tune* – Henry Purcell

*Solemn Music* – Walter S. Hartley

*Prelude-Anthem-Postlude*

*(The audience is requested to remain seated until the faculty and graduates have exited.)*

## **MARSHALS**

Joseph L. Price, Ph.D., Mace Bearer

Charles S. Adams, Ph.D.

Lorinda B. Camparo, Ph.D.

William A. Geiger, Ph.D.

Devin S. Imoto, Ph.D.

sal a. Johnston, Ph.D.

Paul Kjellberg, Ph.D.

Deborah L. Norden, Ph.D.

Brian A. Reed, M.F/L,

*President Herzberger and Members of the Faculty will host a reception for the  
Class of 2009 immediately following Commencement on the Baseball Field.*

## HONORARY DOCTORATE

### **Marian Wright Edelman**

Founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), Marian Wright Edelman is a leading advocate for children and the disadvantaged in the United States. During the past 35 years, CDF has been a voice for poor, minority, and physically disabled children in America, as well as a research center that documents the problems and possible solutions to children in need. In her role, Mrs. Edelman has served as a lobbyist in Congress and has worked to raise private funds for the agency to maintain its independence from government funding.

Mrs. Edelman's work has been recognized with the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award. She has also been honored with the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings, which include eight books.

A graduate of Spellman College and Yale Law School, Mrs. Edelman is a board member of the Robin Hood Foundation, the Association to Benefit Children, and City Lights School, as well as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Philosophical Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

### **Al Young**

The many works of celebrated writer Al Young include novels, collections of poetry, and essays that have been translated into more than a dozen languages. An honors graduate in Spanish from UC Berkeley, he has taught poetry at numerous educational institutions including Stanford and the University of Michigan. In the 1980s and 1990s, he served as a cultural ambassador for the United States Information Agency, traveling throughout South Asia and the Middle East.

Now Poet Laureate Emeritus of California, Mr. Young was honored in April 2005 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger with the role of inspiring an emerging generation of literary artists and educating all Californians about the many poets and authors who have influenced the state through creative literary expression. Mr. Young's past honors include Wallace Stegner, Guggenheim, Fulbright, and National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, and two each of the American Book Awards, Pushcart Prizes, and *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year citations.

## THE WHITTIER COLLEGE SCHOOL SONG

### "Friends Forever"

Hail to thee, dear Whittier,  
Home of friends forever;  
Thou art virtuous, Whittier,  
In thy high endeavor.

Now we charge thee, Whittier,  
Home where peace and truth are nourished,  
Grant to youth thy spirit 'till  
Hopes and dreams have fully flourished.

Forward ever, Whittier;  
Falter never, Whittier!  
Friends forever, Whittier;  
Alma mater, Whittier!

*Words by Margaretha Lohmann, professor of music  
Music based on "Gaudeamus Igitur," C. W. Kindeleben, c. 1781  
First published c. 1930 as "The Whittier College Hymn"  
Later revised c. 1990 as "Friends Forever"*



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## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic costume and ceremony dates from 12th and 13th century Europe and the medieval universities of Bologna, Paris, Oxford, and Cambridge. Originally, the university was an association of "Masters of Arts" and the degree was the step taken to become a full member. The new Master was admitted to begin teaching; the word "Commencement" described that rite of passage.

The most common articles of daily attire then were long flowing gowns and cloaks with hoods attached for headwear; subsequently, hats became prominent. In England, details of scholars' apparel and occasions for use were strictly prescribed by university statutes.

The origin of the Oxford "mortarboard" cap is a mystery. It may well have evolved from forcing the rather square-shaped, outdoor biretta over the close-fitting, indoor skull cap commonly worn by university scholars in medieval times.

American academic regalia is an inheritance primarily from Britain. The 1895 Intercollegiate Code provides the fundamental regulation. Gowns for all three degree levels are basic black and similar in shape, although sleeve patterns differ. Doctoral gowns are faced with velvet, with three bars per sleeve. The black mortarboard cap is common to all degrees.

The hood is the most distinctive feature of academic dress. The color and style distinguish degree level, college or university, and discipline, although proliferation of fields and institutions does not always allow easy identification. Hoods are all black, and they become longer and wider with more advanced degrees. All are lined inside with silk in the academic colors of the institution that conferred the degree.

The outer velvet trim on the hood, which becomes broader with the higher degrees, indicates the academic discipline. The white border for Arts and Letters emanates from the fur trim of the Oxford and Cambridge Bachelor of Arts degree. Red is the traditional color of the Church, and scarlet indicates Theology. The royal purple of King's Court signifies the Law. Green, the color of medicinal herbs, stands for Medicine. Golden yellow indicates Science, for through research untold wealth has been given to the world. Oxford pink indicates Music. Russet brown for Forestry is a tribute to the old-time dress of English foresters. Blue, the color of wisdom and truth, represents Philosophy and is used on the trim for most academics who hold the Doctor of Philosophy degree, regardless of which discipline they studied in the arts and sciences.

## THE MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was carried into battle by churchmen who were forbidden by church law to bear edged weapons. The mace was later carried before the king by his bodyguard and eventually became the symbol of authority. A mace is now commonly used by governments and by institutions of higher learning in ceremonial processions.



## A HISTORY OF WHITTIER COLLEGE

Whittier College, founded in 1887, was named for the Quaker abolitionist poet John Greenleaf Whittier. Since that time, the institution has grown into a distinctive, national liberal arts college and law school. It serves a diverse student population with unique, widely praised curricula. The College campus provides an intimate environment in which 1,460 students live and study with ninety-three distinguished faculty. Like other excellent liberal arts colleges, Whittier encourages students to become broadly educated rather than merely trained for a specific career. It emphasizes small, interactive classes led by full-time faculty members, and requires that students cultivate the analytical, critical, and rhetorical skills that all liberally educated persons enjoy.

Although the College has maintained no formal affiliation with the Religious Society of Friends since the 1940s, the social values of its Quaker heritage - respect for the individual, freedom of conscience, integrity, justice, and internationalism - strongly influence its ethos. From the beginning, the same egalitarian views that placed Quakers in the forefront of the battle to abolish slavery dictated that the College open its doors to persons of both sexes as well as all races and nations. Today, the College is a cosmopolitan vanguard of 21st century society, with more than 45 percent of its undergraduates, and three of its four Rhodes Scholars, from underrepresented ethnic and international groups. This cultural diversity profoundly strengthens intellectual discourse and provides a realistic exposure to the kind of world students will enter upon graduation. Students and faculty continue a long tradition of community service, echoing the Quaker conviction that helping others is a moral obligation. International study opportunities enrich every field and major, reflecting the Quaker idea that truth transcends the boundaries of race, culture, and nation.

Whittier Law School, located on a separate campus in Costa Mesa, was founded in 1977 and accredited by the American Bar Association in 1985. The School extends Whittier's educational values to the study of law, which is the professional discipline most closely related to the liberal arts. Here, some 750 students prepare for legal careers through a curriculum that emphasizes social service, conflict resolution, international jurisprudence, and professional ethics, which mirrors the historic values of the College. Cooperative educational activities, interdisciplinary colloquia, and a pedagogical commitment to small classes further connect the College and Law School, producing synergies that benefit students on both campuses, particularly in the areas of philosophy, history, child development, social work, economics, political science, and international studies.

